

REMARKS

Prior to the three-way Restriction Requirement issued May 16, 2007, claims 13-32 were pending in the application. The Examiner contends that the Application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Group I Figs. 1 and 2,
Group II Figs. 3a and 3b,
and Group III Fig 4.

Applicant hereby elects Group II Figs 3a and 3b without traverse.

Applicant herein amends claims 13, 15, 19, 20-22, 24-28, 30 and 32. Claims 14, 16-18, 23, 29 and 31 are deemed to be non-elected claims and are withdrawn without prejudice pending allowance of one or more generic claims.

Applicant asserts that following the Amendment, all pending claims read on elected species Group II Figs 3a and 3b. Applicant further asserts that pending claims 13, 15, 19, 22, 24-26 and 27 are generic to species Groups I and II.

It is respectfully submitted that this election and Amendment place the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested. Applicant further states that allowance of the generic claims warrants rejoinder of one or more of the withdrawn claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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